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Dear Josh,

Advanced congratulations on the blessed future event, which I heard about from Dr Gunn. The forthcoming meeting of the ACMR is an extremely important one for many reasons, and I hope the timing of your personal affairs will fit in with your attending the meeting.

We are in fact convening a few members of the ACMR to meet on 13 and 14 June to discuss the agenda item on special problems of research in developing countries, and particularly the results of our recent trip to Africa. As you know, I visited several countries as part of a team led by Dr Lambo, which included Otto Westphal and Sune Bergström, Biochemist and Rector of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, as well as three other WHO staff members (Drs Goodman, Lepes, and Houba). One of the main recommendations which will emerge from our trip will be the establishment of a WHO Institute for Advanced Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, probably to be located in Zambia. During the next several weeks we shall have a series of meetings and consultations including, for example, Gordon-Smith and Peter Williams of the Wellcome Trust.

The pre-ACMR/^{meeting}we are convening will include Professors Bergström, Westphal, Scrimshaw, Lutwama, Nossal, Lord Zuckerman, Dr Lambo, Dr Goodman, Dr Lepes, and yourself (I hope). This group will go over and refine a draft report which will be further discussed at the ACMR meeting during the following week. In September, we are convening a meeting in Bellagio at the Villa Serbelloni, kindly provided by the Rockefeller Foundation, to present a final proposal to a group of prospective donors including representatives from the Swedish and German Governments and various private foundations. During the summer, a special task force will work on the recommendations of the pre-ACMR and ACMR meetings and fill in the details for the Bellagio meeting.

Please do everything you can to attend both meetings.

Cordially yours,

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